

55th District Court Annual Report

2010



State of Michigan
Ingham County
Mason, MI

55th District Court is committed to delivering justice in a professional, efficient, and caring manner.

- We value the Court's role in enhancing public safety.
- We value improving the lives of others.
- We value a citizen's right to be heard.
- We value the role of the Court as a community leader, working in partnership with others.
- We value the pursuit of quality improvement.
- We value court staff as individuals and are dedicated to their personal and professional development.
- We value the promotion of a positive work environment.
- We value the utilization of technology and other resources to improve efficiency and accessibility of court services.
- We value the safety of our employees and all users of the court.

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55th Judicial District Court

Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Mason, MI 48854

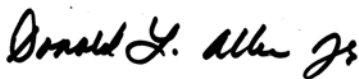
Dear Commissioners:

The district court's Annual Report for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010 provides an overview of case filing activity and revenue in the three divisions (civil, traffic, criminal) and the probation department. The pending total caseload at the beginning of 2010 was approximately 2,981 cases. In addition, we processed 24,503 new cases (reopened an additional 2,107 inactive cases) and disposed of 27,279 cases. This was our first full year with the Judicial Information System (JIS) case management software. As a result, our confidence in the case numbers presented here is greatly enhanced. We thank our outstanding staff for the successful conversion to JIS while maintaining our responsibilities.

We continue to be thankful for the Commission's support in the transition from a case management system that did not work for us to JIS, the Michigan Supreme Court's case management program. This project is one of the most important undertaken by the district court in many years. We are now seeing the benefits of this transition and realizing the efficiencies and opportunities afforded by JIS.

One of the benefits of JIS is increased functionality for collection of fines, costs, fees, reimbursement and restitution. The *Collect* module within JIS is a tremendous tool for quantifying, tracking and pursuing delinquent payments. The Commission provided additional support for our 2010 collections initiative. With this support we added a Collections Officer (½ FTE). We hired Al Spencer, a former Meridian Township Police Department Lieutenant, to serve as Collections Officer and Court Officer (½ FTE). Officer Spencer has used the Collect module to significantly increase Court collection activity.

2010 was a foundation year for the District Court. This was our first full year with Judge Don Allen, Court Administrator Mike Dillon, Chief Probation Officer Da'Neese Wells and JIS all in place. It appears that several years of major change are behind us now. Our administrative team continues to meet regularly to establish court policy and manage the business of the court. We look forward to working together for the foreseeable future to maximize efficiency and effectiveness on behalf of the people of Ingham County.



Honorable Donald L. Allen
Judge



Honorable Thomas P. Boyd
Chief Judge

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The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd was born and raised in Kalamazoo MI. He graduated from James Madison College at Michigan State University in 1985 and Wayne State University Law School in 1990. After being admitted to the bar, he was engaged in the private practice of law, working with no-fault traffic crash issues and general litigation. He was appointed Assistant Attorney General in 1995 by Attorney General Frank Kelley.

His responsibilities within the Department of Attorney General included criminal, civil, administrative and legislative law.

The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd was appointed to the bench by Governor Jennifer Granholm on June 29, 2005, to fill the vacancy created upon the retirement of the Honorable Pamela McCabe. Judge Boyd was elected in 2006 to serve the remainder of Judge McCabe's term. He was reelected in 2008 for a six year term. His current term expires December 31, 2014. Judge Boyd was appointed chief judge of the 55th District Court by the Michigan Supreme Court effective January 1, 2008.

The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd created the Fast Track for Domestic Violence to protect women and children. Judge Boyd has also remained active in our community serving on the boards of the Mason Area Community Fund (an advisory of the Capital Area United Way) and the Oak Park YMCA as well as volunteering for the Holt-Diamondale School Business Alliance and the Lansing Area Teen Court.

In 2009 the Honorable Thomas P. Boyd created the Court to Schools Program in Ingham County. The program is a judicial education partnership with local high schools within the Court's jurisdiction. This program provides high school students with a better understanding of the judicial system and demonstrates the personal, social and legal ramifications from substance abuse.

55th District Court Judges

Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr.

Chief Judge Pro Tem



The Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr., was appointed judge of the 55th District Court by Governor Jennifer Granholm on December 22, 2008. He was elected to the bench in 2010. His term expires December 31, 2016. Judge Allen serves as the court's sobriety court judge.

Prior to being appointed to the District Court, Judge Allen served as the director of the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). Judge Allen assumed the directorship of the Office of Drug Control Policy on June 5, 2006, after serving as deputy legal counsel for the Governor on her legal staff.

The Honorable Donald L. Allen Jr. is a 1983 graduate of Wayne State University Law School and spent most of his professional career as an assistant attorney general in the Michigan Department of Attorney General. He served at the Department of Attorney General from February 1988 through September 2005. His assignments included the Social Services, Revenue, Corrections, and Health Care Fraud divisions where he specialized in litigation. While at the Attorney General's Office, he also served as a member on the Attorney General's Litigation Advisory Board. In his last assignment at the Health Care Fraud Division he served as a prosecutor of high profile criminal and civil defendants.

55th District Court Judges

James B. Pahl
Magistrate



Magistrate James B. Pahl is a lifelong Michigan resident. He received his Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement degree from Ferris State College in 1975 and his Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1981. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1982, engaging in the private practice of law for ten years. Magistrate Pahl served almost 20 years in public law enforcement, including hundreds of hours of traffic crash reconstruction/investigation training.

He was appointed Magistrate in 1992. Magistrate Pahl is currently a member of the board of directors and past president of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Committee on Judicial Ethics and is the judicial member of an informal Michigan Speed Limit task force. He serves the Michigan Judicial Institute as the training Magistrate for this region and instructs Motor Carrier law at each New Magistrate School after receiving specialized training at the National Judicial College.

55th District Court Magistrate

COURT ADMINISTRATION



*Seated left to right - Da'Neese Wells & Pam Pfeifer
Standing left to right - Kathy Fajardo, Michael Dillon & Dianna Emerson*

Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator
Dianna Emerson, Financial Coordinator
Kathy Fajardo, Chief Clerk Criminal/Traffic Division
Pam Pfeifer, Chief Clerk Civil Division/Jury Clerk
Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer

Michigan Court Rule 8.110 sets forth that the chief judge of a court is the director of the administration of the court. Also, within the court rule, the chief judge can delegate administrative duties to a trial court administrator. The court's administrative staff is responsible for managing the administrative and business operations of the court.

Court Administration

JUDICIAL SUPPORT SERVICES



*Seated left to right - Elaine Stocking & Robin Kelley
Standing left to right - Dave Burt, Alan Spencer & Bob Rutledge*

Robin Kelley - Court Recorder/Judicial Secretary (Judge Allen)
Elaine Stocking - Court Recorder/Judicial Secretary (Judge Boyd)

Dave Burt - Court Officer (Judge Allen)
Bob Rutledge - Court Officer (Judge Boyd)
Alan Spencer - Court Officer/Collections Officer

Personnel that provide judicial support services serve as personal staff of the judge. The court recorder/judicial secretary is responsible for maintaining the record for the court, managing the court docket and providing secretarial services for a judge.

The court officer is responsible for the security of the court and maintaining decorum within the courtroom. The collection officer is responsible for enforcing the financial orders of the court.

Judicial Support Services

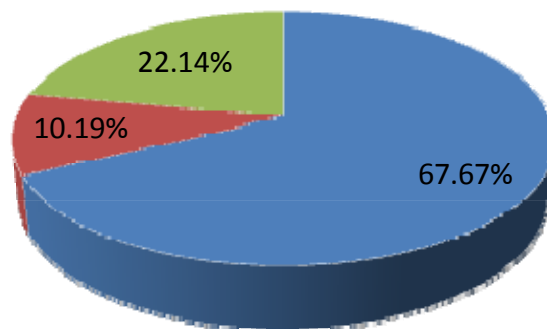
NEW CASE FILINGS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2009 Filings</u>	<u>2010 Filings</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>% Diff</u>
Felony	674	497	-177	-26%
Misdemeanor	1,989	1,621	-368	-19%
Drunk Driving	611	378	-233	-38%
Traffic **	17,598	15,931	-1,667	-9%
Civil Infraction - Non Traffic	360	347	-13	-4%
General Civil	3,062	2941	-121	-4%
Small Claims	672	614	-58	-9%
Summary Proceedings	1,858	1871	+13	1%
Parking	327	303	-24	-7%
TOTALS	27,151	24,503	-2,648	-10%

** includes traffic misdemeanors and civil infractions

Percentage of New Filings

■ Traffic ■ Criminal ■ Civil



Caseload - New Filings

NEW CASE FILINGS

TOTAL NEW FILINGS - REGION II COMPARISONS

Court		2010 Filings *	Judges	Cases Per Judge	% Change 2009
54B	Ingham Co (<i>East Lansing</i>) **	74,954	2	37,477	-3.75%
63rd	Kent Co. (<i>Rockford/Cascades</i>)	38,740	2	19,370	-7.35%
62B	Kent Co. (<i>Kentwood</i>)	16,519	1	16,519	-1.60%
58th	Ottawa Co.	52,386	4	13,097	-9.16%
3A	Branch Co.	13,049	1	13,049	-3.85%
55th	Ingham Co	24,503	2	12,252	-9.75%
12th	Jackson Co.	48,712	4	12,178	-11.66%
10th	Calhoun Co.	48,642	4	12,161	-4.87%
2A	Lenawee Co.	24,056	2	12,028	-8.80%
53rd	Livingston Co.	33,306	3	11,102	-11.61%
56A	Eaton Co.	21,450	2	10,725	-3.95%
8th	Kalamazoo Co.	73,750	7	10,536	-5.96%
57th	Allegan Co.	19,592	2	9,796	-3.36%
60th	Muskegon Co.	39,041	4	9,760	-6.07%
5th	Berrien Co.	47,015	5	9,403	-6.39%
3B	St. Joseph Co.	18,421	2	9,211	1.67%
4th	Cass Co.	8,683	1	8,683	3.44%
2B	Hillsdale Co.	8,460	1	8,460	-11.08%
56B	Barry Co.	8,259	1	8,259	7.92%
7th	Van Buren Co.	16,239	2	8,120	-7.07%
54A	Ingham Co. (<i>Lansing</i>)	35,201	5	7,040	-26.04%
61st	Kent Co. (<i>Grand Rapids</i>)	39,644	6	6,607	-31.71%
59th	Kent Co. (<i>Grandville</i>)	DNA	1		
62A	Kent Co. (<i>Wyoming</i>)	DNA	2		

* Filings include parking violations

** Filings includes 52,539 parking violations

DNA Data Not Available

Region 2 - New Case Filings

CIVIL DIVISION



*Seated - Pam Pfeifer
Standing left to right - Renee Smith & Teresa Ballance*

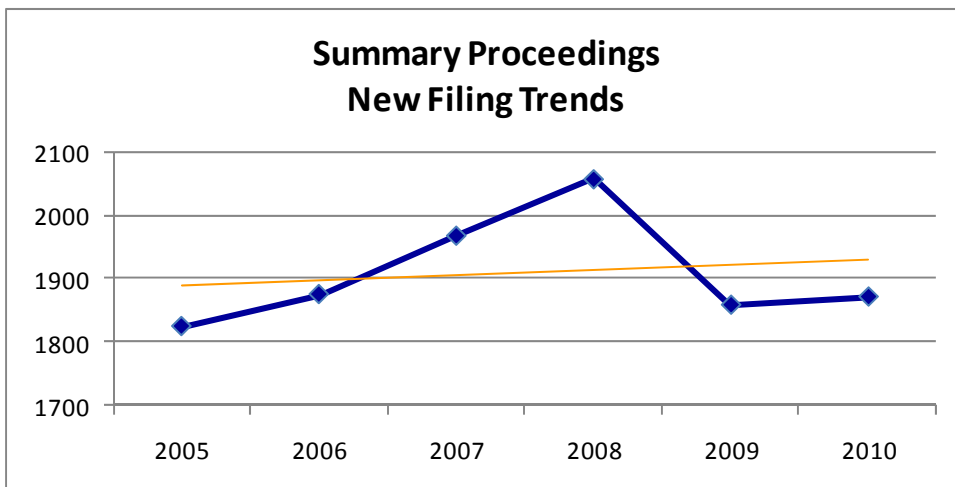
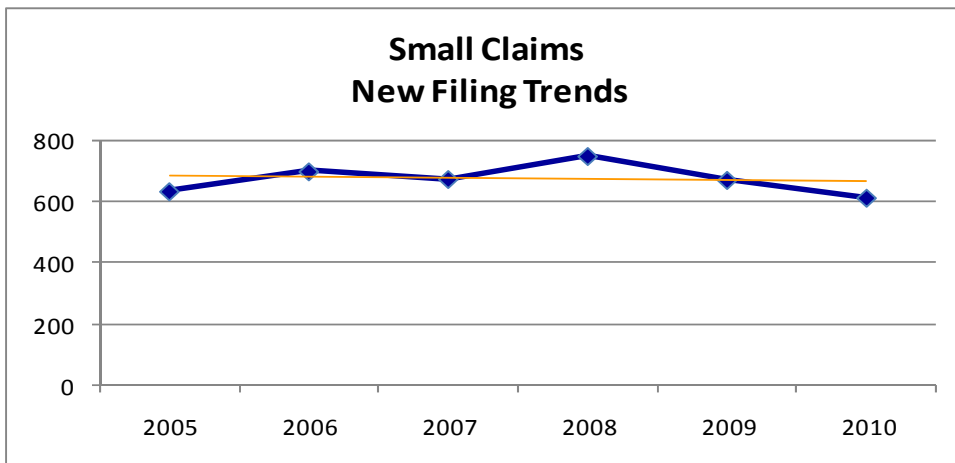
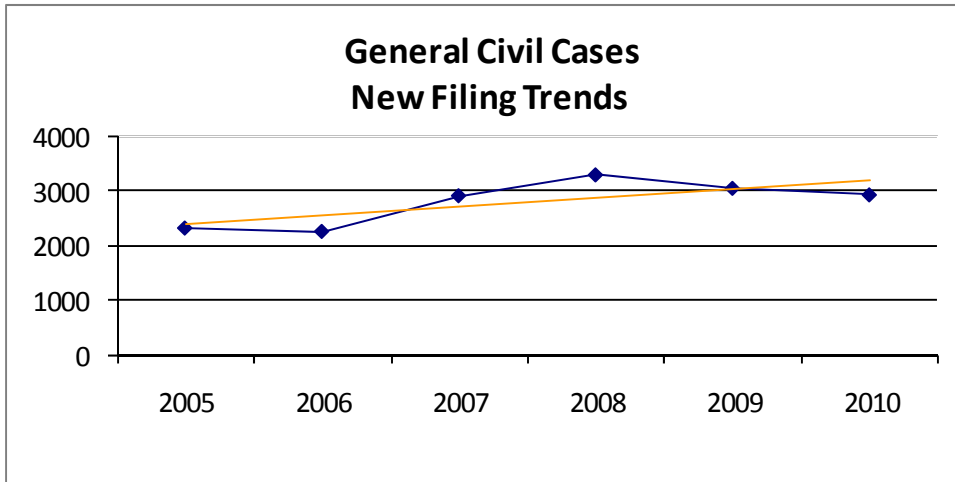
In 2010 there were 5,426 new civil cases processed at 55th District Court in 2010. These filings include general civil, landlord tenant and small claims cases. Many of the filings consist of foreclosed properties and credit card debt. The civil division processed 6,225 garnishments. In addition, the division processed 1,112 writs (evictions/seizures) and 47 marriages.

Due to budget restraints, staffing levels have been reduced. However, the civil division has maintained efficiency due to the team effort of our hardworking staff and the implementation of a new case management system in October 2009. Judicial Information System (JIS) has been a major improvement in our ability to process cases.

The goal of the 55th District Court Civil Division is to continue to provide our customers with courtesy and professionalism. — Pamela Pfeifer, Chief Clerk

Civil Division

CIVIL DIVISION



Civil Cases - New Filing Trends

CIVIL DIVISION

DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	General Civil	Small Claims	Summary Proceedings
Jury Verdict	0	0	0
Bench Verdict	29	97	26
Uncontested/Default/Settled	1,971	248	1,192
Transferred	11	45	0
Dismissed by Party	479	117	507
Dismissed by Court	491	131	72
Inactive	65	2	2
Other Disposition	2	0	0
Case Type Changed	01	0	0
TOTALS	3,048	640	1,799
New Filings	2,941	614	1,871
Reopened	17	6	2
Total Cases	2,958	620	1,873
Less Dispositions	3,048	640	1,799
Clearance Rate	103.0%	103.2%	96.0%

Civil Case Dispositions

Clearance rate above 100% indicates a reduction in backlog
 Clearance rate at 100% indicates no change in backlog
 Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION



*Seated left to right - Barb Pasch, Cindy Smith & Alana Kelley
Standing left to right - Joan Nelson, Erin Jackson, Kathy Fajardo & Irene Bost*

The Criminal Division experienced an overall decline in new cases filed in 2010. 2,496 cases were filed in 2010 compared to 3,274 cases filed in 2009. Compared to 2009, there were 38% less drunk driving cases filed. Felony filings dropped 26% and misdemeanor filings decreased by 19% from the previous year.

The Criminal Division processes all criminal misdemeanors, including drug and drunk driving cases. In addition, the division processes felony cases up to the time the case is bound over to the Circuit Court. If the charge(s) is not bound over and reduced to a misdemeanor(s), the case would remain with the District Court.

The Traffic Division also experienced a decrease in new cases filed with the court. 16,278 cases were filed with the court in 2010 compared to 18,318 in 2009, representing a decrease of approximately 9%.

The Traffic Division is responsible for processing traffic misdemeanors and all civil infractions, traffic and nontraffic. In addition, the division processes parking violations, conservation violations, motor carrier violations and animal control violations.

Criminal/Traffic Division

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

In the fall of 2010, personnel assigned to the Traffic Division began taking payments for criminal and probation matters. This allowed personnel in the criminal and probation divisions more time to engage in other duties.

With the implementation of a new case management system, Judicial Information System (JIS), Magistrate Pahl began processing civil infraction judgments from his courtroom. The change in procedure has allowed the traffic personnel more time to take payments for criminal and probation matters. With the hiring of a collections officer in 2010, traffic personnel processed significantly more installment payments due to payments plans set up by the collections officer.

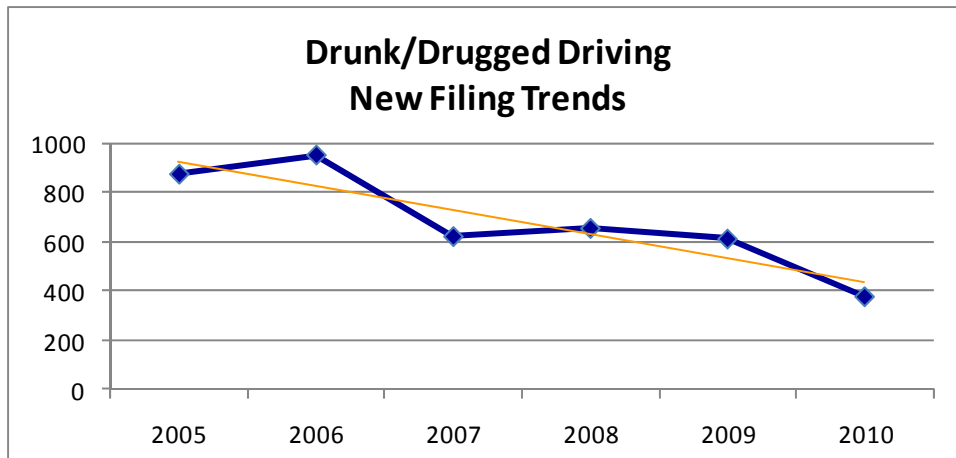
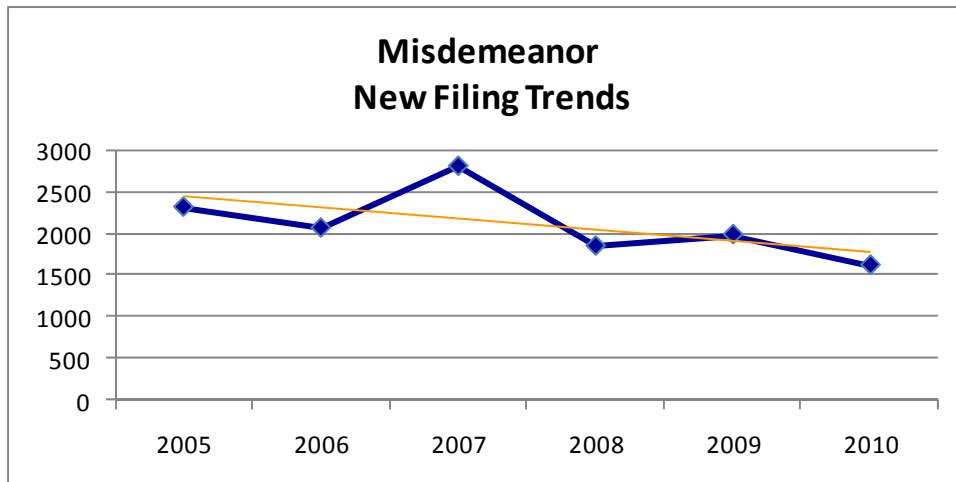
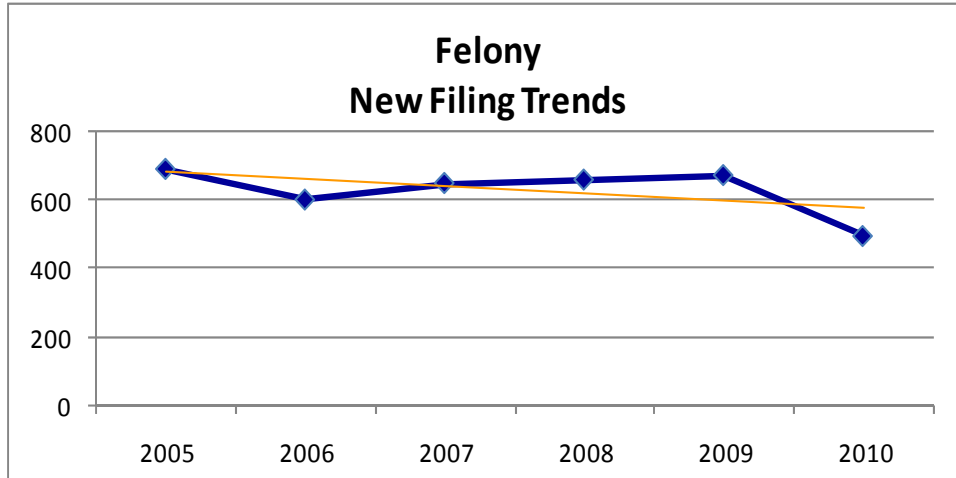
It is the goal of the administration of the court to consolidate the criminal and traffic departments. The court took the first step by not filling the chief clerk position in the criminal division when the vacancy occurred. The chief clerk in the traffic division assumed the responsibility for supervising the criminal division as well. During 2010, personnel in both divisions continued to learn more about how cases are processed in the two divisions. A combined criminal/traffic division has not only saved money, but it offers the court greater flexibility, which in turn will lead to greater efficiency.

The court has adopted the “Courtroom to Parking Lot” philosophy: any paperwork that can be generated in the courtroom should be generated in the courtroom. With a new case management system (JIS), defendants are able to receive their paperwork in the courtroom and can proceed directly to the parking lot without having to stop at the clerks’ office. Previously, all paperwork was prepared by the clerks’ office. Oftentimes, a defendant would have to wait for an extended period of time to receive their paperwork while the clerks attended to other pressing duties.

All of the clerks have contributed significantly towards better managing the court docket and improving our day-to-day processes. Although learning a new case management system was difficult in the beginning, the new system has proved to be a significant improvement for the court. — Kathy Fajardo, Chief Clerk Criminal/Traffic Division.

Criminal/Traffic Division

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION



Criminal Cases - New Filing Trends

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	Felony	Misdemeanor	Drunk Driving
Jury Verdict	0	10	5
Bench Verdict	18	20	1
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	158	864	319
Bindover/Transferred	284	0	50
Dismissed by Party	69	761	29
Dismissed by Court	17	148	7
Inactive/Bench Warrant	303	738	72
Other Disposition	0	0	0
Case Type Changed	2	8	2
TOTALS	851	2,549	495
New Filings	497	1,661	378
Reopened	323	736	70
Total Cases	820	2,357	448
Less Dispositions	851	2,549	495
Clearance Rate	103.8%	108.1%	110.5%

Criminal Case Dispositions

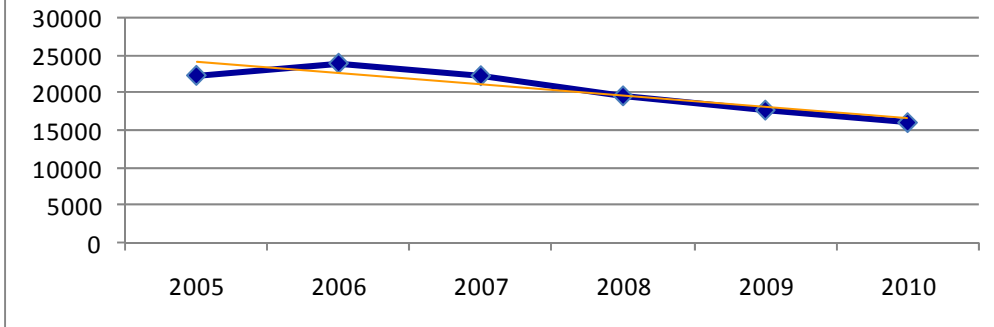
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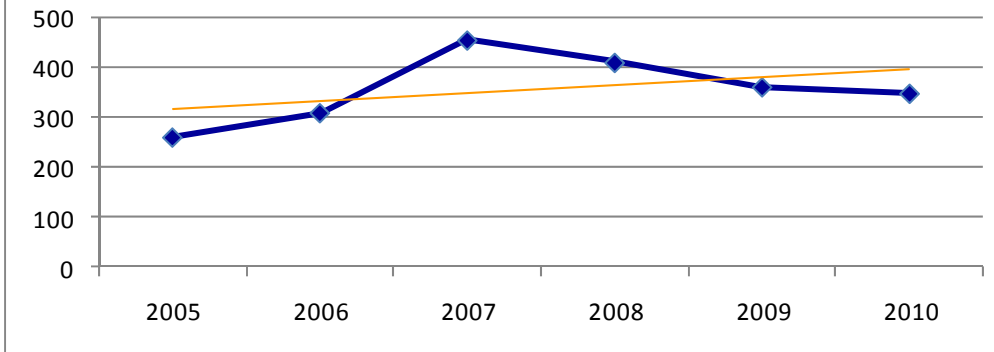
Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

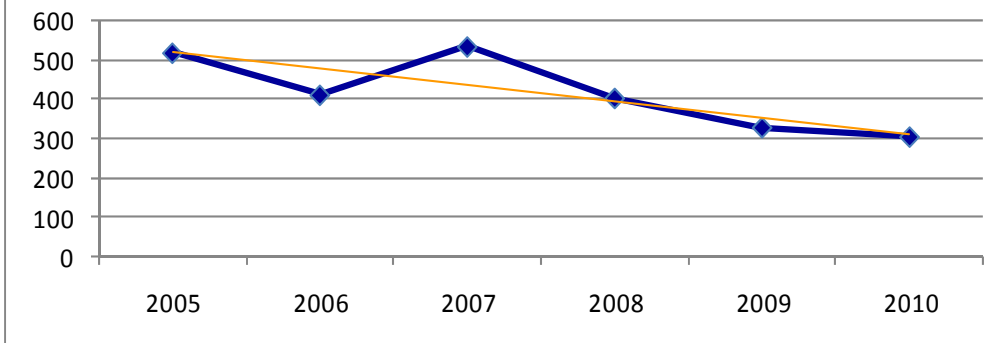
Traffic Misdemeanor & Civil Infractions New Filing Trends



NonTraffic Civil Infractions New Filing Trends



Parking Violations New Filing Trends



Traffic Cases - New Filing Trends

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	Civ Infraction/ Misdemeanor	Nontraffic Civ Infraction	Parking
Jury Verdict	0	0	0
Bench Verdict	940	32	16
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	10,671	177	160
Bindover/Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	543	14	8
Dismissed by Court	608	34	9
Default	3,423	122	17
Inactive/Bench Warrant	1,022	0	0
Case Type Changed	6	0	0
TOTALS	17,213	379	305
New Filings	15,931	347	303
Reopened	953	0	0
Total Cases	16,884	347	303
Less Dispositions	17,213	79	305
Clearance Rate	101.9%	109.2%	100.7%

Traffic Case Dispositions

Clearance rate above 100% indicates a reduction in backlog
 Clearance rate at 100% indicates no change in backlog
 Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

PROBATION DIVISION



*Seated left to right - Jesse Besonen & Da'Neese Wells
Standing left to right - Marty Waugh, Linda Burkholder, Eva Higgins, & Emily Fabry
Missing - Amy Iseler*

Jesse Besonen, Probation Officer
Linda Burkholder, Probation Officer
Emily Fabry, Probation Officer
Amy Iseler, Assessment Specialist/Probation Officer
Eva Higgins, Probation Officer
Marty Waugh, Probation Clerk
Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer

The 55th District Court Probation Department is staffed by six probation officers and one clerk. The department is responsible for conducting presentence interviews and providing supervision to defendants sentenced to probation. In addition, the Probation Department conducts substance abuse assessments and runs two specialized dockets, Sobriety Court and Domestic Violence Court.

Probation Division

PROBATION DIVISION

SPECIALITY COURTS

The Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr., presides over Sobriety Court. Sobriety Court is funded as a collaborative partnership between Ingham County, the State Court Administrative Office and the Office of Highway Safety Planning. In 2010 a total of 122 defendants were under supervision in Sobriety Court, including 61 new Sobriety Court participants and 30 graduates. The total number of graduates since the inception of Sobriety Court in 2004 is 216. The average number of participants in Sobriety Court in 2010 was 90.

The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd presides over Domestic Violence Court. The program utilizes existing court resources to comprehensively address the power and control dynamic present in the more serious Domestic Violence cases. 12 defendants were supervised under a Domestic Court order. There were 10 new participants in 2010, three revocations and one successful graduate. There have been a total of 21 participants in the program since its inception in 2008. The average number of participants in Domestic Violence Court was 10.

CASE MANAGEMENT

At the beginning of 2010 the Probation Department saw a 34% increase in caseload from the previous year. 1,377 defendants were being supervised by the Probation Department. The increase led to unmanageable caseloads. In order to address the concern, the bench modified its sentencing practices. In addition, the creation of an internal collection program allowed for supervision of some defendants to be transferred to the internal collection program. By the end of 2010, the probation department's caseload decreased by 33%, restoring the caseload to a more manageable level (933 defendants).

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Chief Probation Officer, Beryl Frenger, retired after 20 years of service with the Court. Probation Officer, Da'Neese Wells, was promoted to Chief Probation Officer, bringing with her to the position ten years of experience as a probation officer. Probation intern/volunteer, Jesse Besonen, was hired as a probation officer to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Wells' promotion. — Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer

Probation Division

PROBATION DIVISION

Snapshot - Active Supervision

CATEGORY OF OFFENSES	ACTIVE SUPERVISION	PERCENT of CASELOAD
Drunk Driving	202	38.86%
Controlled Substances	83	20.10%
Assaultive	70	14.72%
Theft	53	10.16%
Alcohol - MIP	35	5.91%
Public Welfare & Safety	15	3.32%
Vehicle Offenses	13	2.59%
Obstructing Justice	13	1.55%
Property Offenses	5	1.35%
Offenses Against Children	5	0.41%
Sexual Related Offenses	4	0.21%
Weapons	4	0.21%
Telecommunications	3	0.21%
Animals	1	0.10%
TOTAL	506	100.00%

The figures above reflect the number of defendants being actively supervised by a probation officer on 12/31/2010. These figures do not include defendants who have absconded from probation and a warrant has been issued for their arrest.

Probation Statistics

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2010 Financial Report General Fund Revenue - Budget

REVENUE	BUDGET	RECEIVED	DIFF	% DIFF
STATE OF MICHIGAN				
State Judges Supplement	\$91,448	\$91,448	\$0	0.00%
Drunk/Drugged Driving Asst.	\$41,400	\$46,446	\$5,046	112.19%
Juror Reimbursement	<u>\$6,500</u>	<u>\$7,293</u>	<u>\$793</u>	<u>112.20%</u>
	\$139,348	\$145,187	\$5,839	104.19%
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC				
Court Costs	\$1,224,000	\$995,946	-\$228,054	81.37%
Ordinance Fines & Costs	\$342,982	\$402,780	\$59,798	117.43%
No Proof of Insurance Fee	\$50,000	\$29,890	-\$20,110	59.78%
Bond Forfeitures	\$45,000	\$29,885	-\$15,115	66.41%
Crime Victim Rights Fee	\$10,500	\$9,479	-\$1,021	90.28%
Online Convenience Fee	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>-\$15,580</u>	
	\$1,672,482	\$1,467,980	-\$204,502	87.77%
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY				
Attorney Reimbursement	\$110,000	\$77,524	-\$32,476	70.48%
PROBATION				
Probation Oversight	\$270,000	\$221,399	-\$48,601	82.00%
Screening & Assessment Fee	\$40,000	\$42,950	\$2,950	107.38%
Sobriety Court Fee	\$40,000	\$39,432	-\$568	98.58%
Presentence Fee	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$4,154</u>	<u>-\$5,846</u>	<u>41.54%</u>
	\$360,000	\$307,935	-\$52,065	85.54%
CIVIL				
Civil Fees	\$229,100	\$247,574	\$18,474	108.06%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Fees	\$6,100	\$4,040	-\$2,060	66.23%
TOTALS	\$2,517,030	\$2,250,240	-\$266,240	89.40%

Revenue - Budget

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2010 Financial Report General Fund Revenue - Comparison

REVENUE	2010	2009	DIFF	% DIFF
STATE OF MICHIGAN				
State Judges Supplement	\$91,448	\$91,448	\$0	0.00%
Drunk/Drugged Driving Asst.	\$46,446	\$42,192	\$4,254	10.08%
Juror Reimbursement	<u>\$7,293</u>	<u>\$7,505</u>	<u>-\$212</u>	<u>-2.83%</u>
	\$145,187	\$141,145	\$4,042	2.86
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC				
Court Costs	\$995,946	\$1,084,050	-\$88,104	-8.13%
Ordinance Fines & Costs	\$402,780	\$351,548	\$51,232	14.57%
No Proof of Insurance Fee	\$29,890	\$45,205	-\$15,315	-33.88%
Bond Forfeitures	\$29,885	\$40,065	-\$10,180	-25.41%
Crime Victim Rights Fee	\$9,479	\$10,105	-\$626	-6.19%
Online Convenience Fee	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,580</u>	<u>-\$15,580</u>	
	\$1,467,980	\$1,546,553	-\$78,573	-5.08%
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY				
Attorney Reimbursement	\$77,524	\$99,472	-\$21,948	-22.06%
PROBATION				
Probation Oversight	\$221,399	\$238,966	-\$17,567	-7.35%
Screening & Assessment Fee	\$42,950	\$44,835	-\$1,885	-4.20%
Sobriety Court Fee	\$39,432	\$42,587	-\$3,155	-7.41%
Presentence Fee	<u>\$4,154</u>	<u>\$2,354</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>	<u>76.47%</u>
	\$307,935	\$328,742	-\$20,807	-6.33%
CIVIL				
Civil Fees	\$247,574	\$252,547	\$4,973	-1.97%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Fees	\$4,040	\$19,350	\$15,310	-79.12%
TOTALS	\$2,250,240	\$2,387,809	-\$137,569	-5.76%

Revenue - Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2010 Financial Report Expense - Budget

EXPENSES	BUDGET	EXPENDED	DIFF	% DIFF
PERSONNEL COSTS				
55th District Court	\$1,679,106	\$1,649,022	\$30,084	98.21%
Sobriety Court	\$161,020	\$159,661	\$1,359	99.16%
	\$1,840,126	\$1,808,683	\$31,443	98.29%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
55th District Court	\$196,114	\$177,144	\$18,970	90.33%
Sobriety Court	\$16,780	\$18,557	-\$1,777	110.59%
	\$212,894	\$195,701	\$17,193	91.92%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
55th District Court	\$189,765	\$168,013	\$21,752	88.54%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$1,543</u>	<u>\$827</u>	<u>\$716</u>	53.60%
	\$191,308	\$168,840	\$22,468	88.26%
TRIAL EXPENSES <i>(constitutional expenses related to trial)</i>				
Ct Appointed Attorney Expense				
55th District Court	\$125,000	\$109,409	\$15,591	87.53%
Sobriety Court	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	66.67%
Jury Expense	\$12,000	\$13,854	-\$1,854	115.45%
Interpreter Expense	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$1,816</u>	<u>\$6,184</u>	22.70%
	\$160,000	\$135,079	\$24,921	84.42%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$2,209,985	\$2,119,258	\$90,727	95.89%
TOTAL SOBRIETY COURT EXP	\$194,343	\$189,045	\$5,298	97.27%
TOTALS	\$2,404,328	\$2,308,303	\$96,025	96.01%

Expense - Budget

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2010 Financial Report Expense - Comparison

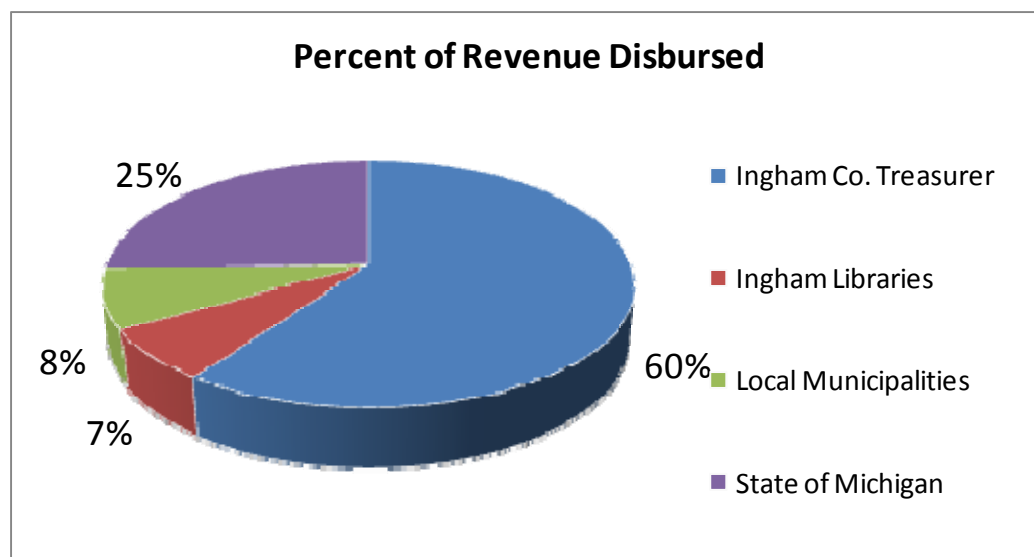
EXPENSES	2010	2009	DIFF	% DIFF
PERSONNEL COSTS				
55th District Court	\$1,649,022	\$1,728,117	-\$79,095	-4.58%
Sobriety Court	\$159,661	\$130,685	\$28,976	<u>22.17%</u>
	\$1,808,683	\$1,858,802	-\$50,119	-2.70%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
55th District Court	\$177,144	\$189,982	-\$12,838	-6.76%
Sobriety Court	\$18,557	\$10,071	\$8,486	<u>84.26%</u>
	\$195,701	\$200,053	-\$3,423	-2.18%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
55th District Court	\$168,013	\$170,868	-\$2,855	-1.67%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$827</u>	<u>\$1,395</u>	<u>-\$568</u>	<u>-40.72%</u>
	\$168,840	\$172,263	-\$3,423	-1.99%
TRIAL EXPENSES <i>(constitutional expenses related to trial)</i>				
Ct Appointed Attorney Expense				
55th District Court	\$109,409	\$136,735	-\$27,326	-19.98%
Sobriety Court	\$10,000	\$13,125	-\$3,125	-23.81%
Jury Expense	\$13,854	\$18,281	-\$4,527	-24.63%
Interpreter Expense	<u>\$1,816</u>	<u>\$5,333</u>	<u>-\$3,517</u>	<u>-65.95%</u>
	\$135,079	\$173,574	-\$38,495	-22.18%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$2,119,258	\$2,249,416	-\$130,158	-5.79%
TOTAL SOBRIETY COURT EXP	\$189,045	\$155,276	\$33,769	21.75%
TOTALS	\$2,308,303	\$2,404,692	-\$96,389	-4.01%

Expense - Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2010 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue Collected by the Court

AGENCY	2010	2009	DIFF
Ingham County Treasurer	\$2,250,239	\$2,387,809	-\$137,570
Ingham Libraries	\$260,822	\$265,769	-\$4,947
Local Municipalities	\$289,427	\$291,951	-\$2,524
State of Michigan	<u>\$960,915</u>	<u>\$990,488</u>	<u>-\$29,573</u>
TOTAL	\$3,761,404	\$3,936,017	-\$176,622



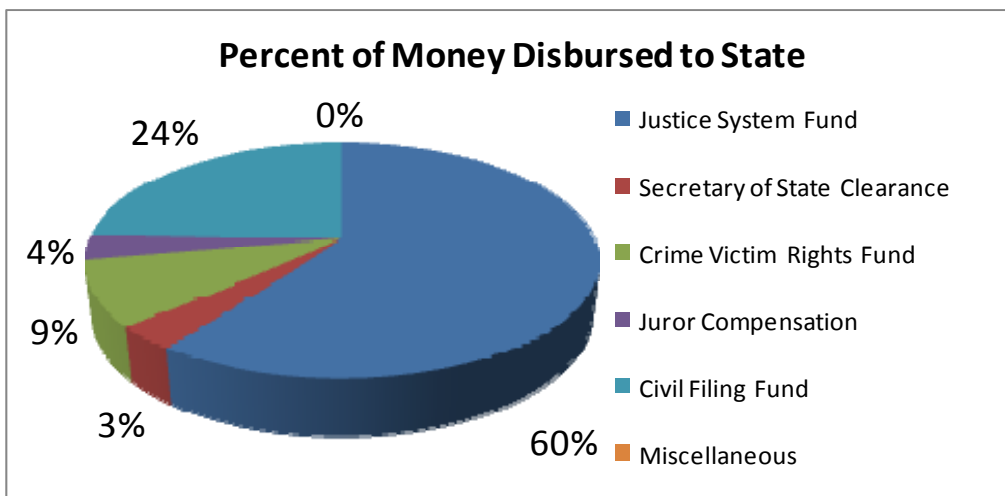
Disbursement of Revenue

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2010 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to the State of Michigan

REVENUE CATEGORY	2010	2009	DIFF
Justice System Fund	\$576,788	\$606,925	-\$30,136
Secretary of State Clearance	\$32,403	\$29,082	\$3,321
Crime Victim Rights Fund	\$85,508	\$90,992	-\$5,484
Juror Compensation	\$32,869	\$29,206	\$3,663
Civil Filing Fund	\$233,256	\$233,693	-\$437
Miscellaneous	<u>\$90</u>	<u>\$590</u>	<u>-\$500</u>
TOTALS	\$990,488	\$990,488	-\$29,573

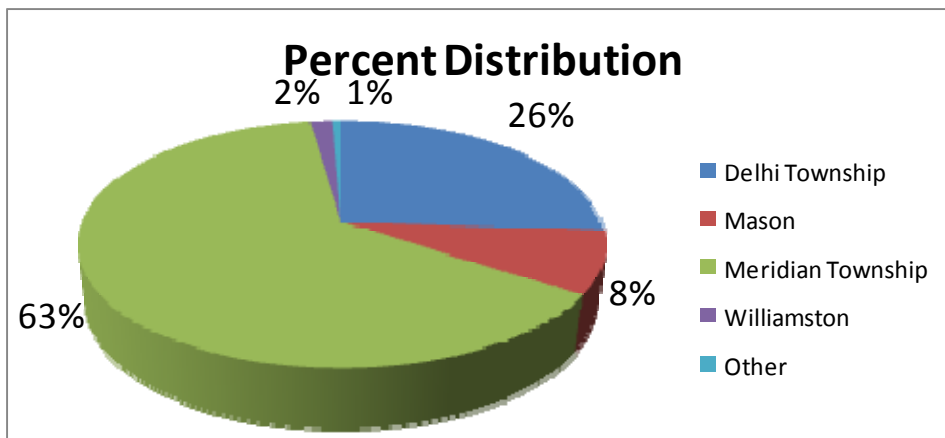
Disbursement To State



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2010 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to Municipalities From Fines & Costs

AGENCY	2010	2009	DIFF
Delhi Township	\$51,935	\$42,559	\$9376
Lansing Township	\$389	\$1,604	-\$1,215
Leslie	\$366	\$129	\$237
Mason	\$15,980	\$8,425	\$7,555
Meridian Township	\$125,871	\$119,991	\$5,880
Stockbridge	\$486	\$101	\$385
Vevay Township	\$0	\$30	-\$30
Webberville	\$0	\$137	-\$137
Williamston	<u>\$3,506</u>	<u>\$2,260</u>	<u>\$1,017</u>
TOTALS	\$198,534	\$175,236	\$23,298



Disbursement To Municipalities

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2010 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to Agencies From Cost Recovery Assessments

AGENCY	2010	2009	DIFF
Delhi Prosecuting Attorney	\$2,215	\$5,473	-\$3,258
Ingham Co. Sheriff's Office	\$41,345	\$53,767	-\$12,422
Ingham Co. Prosecutor's Office	\$15,287	\$21,632	-\$6,345
Lansing TWP Police Dept.	\$8,711	\$7,016	\$1,695
Leslie Police Dept.	\$0	\$100	\$100
Mason City Attorney's Office	\$765	\$255	\$510
Mason Police Dept.	\$2,149	\$4,599	-\$2,450
Meridian TWP Prosecutor	\$2,568	\$2,363	\$205
Meridian TWP Police Dept.	\$15,153	\$17,239	-\$2,086
Michigan State Police	\$900	\$1,850	-\$950
MSU Campus Police Dept.	\$951	\$1,169	-\$218
Stockbridge Police Dept.	\$300	\$300	\$0
Williamston Police Dept.	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$953</u>	<u>-\$453</u>
TOTALS	\$92,853	\$118,725	-\$25,871

Cost recovery is allowable by statute for specified offenses.

Disbursement To Municipalities

COURT DIRECTORY

JUDGES

Honorable Thomas P. Boyd, Chief Judge - Term Expires 12/31/2014
Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr. - Term Expires 12/21/2016

ADMINISTRATION

Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator (3)
Dianna Emerson, Financial Coordinator (12)

JUDICIAL SUPPORT

James B. Pahl, Magistrate (19)
Elaine Stocking, Judicial Secretary/Court Recorder - Judge Boyd (10)
Robin Kelley, Judicial Secretary/Court Recorder - Judge Allen (32)
Robert Rutledge, Court Officer - Judge Boyd (35)
David Burt, Court Officer - Judge Allen (3)
Alan Spencer, Court/Collections Officer (1)

CIVIL DIVISION

Pamela Pfeifer, Chief Clerk (2)
Renee Smith, Court Clerk (16)
Teresa Ballance, Court Clerk (20)

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

Kathy Fajardo, Chief Clerk (35)

Criminal Division

Barb Pasch, Court Clerk (6)
Alana Kelley, Court Clerk (4)
Irene Bost, Court Clerk (12)

Traffic Division

Joan Nelson, Court Clerk (13)
Cindy Smith, Court Clerk (11)
Erin Jackson, Court Clerk (**)

() denotes years of service with the court
** denotes hired in 2010

Court Directory

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PROBATION DIVISION

Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer (8)
Linda Burkholder, Probation Officer (18)
Eva Higgins, Probation Officer (7)
Emily Fabry, Probation Officer (4)
Amy Iseler, Probation Officer/Assessment Specialist (3)
Jesse Besonen, Probation Officer (1)
Marty Waugh, Court Clerk (11)

Court Directory

MICHAEL J. DILLON
COURT ADMINISTRATOR



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To all Interested Parties:

The 55th District Court plays an integral role in the administration of justice in Ingham County. We at the court promote equality and fairness. We acknowledge that public trust and confidence are important aspects in maintaining the integrity of the judicial system. Hence, we continue to focus on the delivery of professional services to all users of the court.

We recognize that an informed public helps to build public trust and confidence in a public entity. Consequently, this report is an attempt to provide our stakeholders with a summary of district court activity during the year of 2010.

The administration of the court recognizes the hard work exemplified by our employees. Their dedication and effort have contributed significantly to the efficient operation of the 55th District Court. The administration of the court would like to express our gratitude to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, and Ms. Mary Lannoye, County Controller/Administrator, for their continued support of 55th District Court operations.

We will continue to strive to be a model district court in the State of Michigan and would like to thank all who have contributed to our success thus far.

Michael J. Dillon
Court Administrator